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Perez Applauds County Executive Action in Protecting the Living Wage

Tom Perez, President of Montgomery County Council, applauded County Executive Doug Duncan for having taken a decisive action to terminate a County contract with the cleaning company Cruz Cleaning Services, Inc. "I commend Doug Duncan for taking this critical step. Companies that fail to respect our County and federal laws do not deserve the County's business," said Perez. "This decisive action is a wakeup call to any employer seeking county contracts that we will catch you and throw the book at you if you do not pay a living wage."

Perez emphasized the importance of protecting the labor rights of employees in the County. Recently, Cruz Cleaning Services has been part of a series of investigations for not complying with the requirements of the County's ordinance known as the "Living Wage Law" adopted in 2002. "A critical piece of the ordinance is about worker fairness. We do not accept these grave violations in Montgomery County," said Perez.

"We must send a strong message to those businesses that are failing to pay a living wage," said Perez. ####

